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SUBJ: CONCERT PIANIST MILTON KAYE

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1. IN THE STYLE OF RAGTIME WAS TITLE OF EXCELLENT CONCERT GIVEN BY PIANIST MILTON KAYE IN BELGRADE ON NOV 10. FOR MANY IN PREDOMINANTLY STUDENT AUDIENCE IT WAS FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR "LIVE" RAGTIME PERFORMANCE. AUDIENCE CLEARLY LIKED WHAT IT HEARD AND DEMONSTRATED ITS APPROVAL WITH ENTHUSIASTIC APPLAUSE. INCLUDED ON PROGRAM WERE WORKS BY JOPLIN, GERSHWIN, GOTTSCHALK, JOHNSON, ETC. VISIT EFFECTIVELY SUPPORTED CPM OBJECTIVE V.

2. A GOOD SHOWMAN AS WELL AS A FINE MISICIAN, KAYE GAVE A SHORT COMMENTARY ON EACH PIECE BEFORE PLAYING IT. HIS REMARKS WERE TRANSLATED BY AN EXTREMELY GIFTED INTERPRETER WHO MANAGED TO CONVEY MUCH OF KAYE'S PERSONAL ENTHUSIASM TO THE SRO AUDIENCE. HE RESPONDED TO THE APPLUASE BY RETURNING FOR SEVERAL ENCORES. LOCAL VOA CORRESPONDENT DISCUSSED RAGTIME WITH KAYE AFTER CONCERT, AND INTERVIEW WAS BROADCAST NEXT DAY ON SERBO-CROATIAN EVENING SERVICE.

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3. AS EVIDENCE OF EFFECTIVENESS, POST HAPPY REPORT THAT DIRECTOR

OF RTV BELGRADE JAZZ ORCHESTRA HAS INVITED KAYE RETURN NEXT YEAR AND PERFORM AS SOLOIST WITH ORCHESTRA.

4. USIS BELGRADE RATES CONCERT A GREAT SUCCESS AND LOOKS FORWARD TO ANOTHER KAYE VISIT NEXT YEAR. SILBERMAN

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